A single SI QVIS, and a quadruple QVERE, with the Occasions of them, presented to the Members of the honorable House of Commons, touching a Petition, with certain Verses annexed, and lately layd at their feet in the said House of Commons, by Major G. W.

The SI QVIS, *and the Occasion of it.*

THat day, in which Victorious *Waller* sent
His first *Express*, (to your great wonderment)
Of *Hamiltons* Defeat; which, whilst a Scot
Shall be remembred, will not be forgot:
Ev'n on that *Day*, before your feet I spread,
A sad *Petition*, humbly prefaced,
By these ensuing lines;

He that is prostrate at the Door,
Lies there, whence he can fall no lower:
So does this Orator of Ours,
Petitions, *he, with oft conveyd*
Into your hands, yet finds no aid:
These, there (oh, at your feet) are layd.

Where, let them not neglected lie,
Nor, unregarded, throw them by,
But view them with a gracious eye.

And, let our Parents *not provoke*
Their Children, *till offence be took,*
By which, their patience may be broke.

Consider those, who lie below,
For, you shall reap, *what you do* sow;
And, find such mercy, *as you show.*

Refresh their spirits, who are sad,
As God, this day, hath made you glad,
By those good tydings *you have had.*

Among the rest, this Beadsman *here,*
That feels the wants, which they but fear,
Who, dread th'effects of this moyst year.

And, blame him not, that, thus he shows
His Cause, *as well in* Verse, *as* Prose,
And, in a rash unstrodden goes.

For, scarce, Earth, Water, Air, *or* Fire
Enjoy'th'ir, or, *where with to hire*
That Pittance *Nature doth require.*

And, men in danger to be drownd
Lay hold on any Trifle found,
To recouvey them safe a ground.

But, his annexed Paper *view,*
And let him favor'd be of you,
As, that, which it avers, is true.

And, if for that, which he prefers
His suit, *there stand* Competitors,
Let it be neither, His, *nor* Theirs,
But, as most equitable, it appears.

These (to my *Prayer* fixed) for your view,
I left upon the *Pavement*, and withdrew;

In hope ſome *kind hand*, would have been extended
To raiſe it, that my *Cauſe* might be commended
To free Debate. But, ſix days, now, are gone,
And, God, ſince then, the favor late beſtown
Doubles and *triples* upon you; yet, I
Still at your door, unheard, unheeded, lie;
And find not ſo much as a Friend, by whom
To learn, what of thoſe *Papers* is become.
Of private *ſearches*, therefore, being wearie,
I ſet up now, a *Si quis*, and a *Quare*,
And, thus, it follows here: *If any man*,
" *Who ſits, within your* Walls, *inſtruct me can*,
" *How I may know, what* hand *convey'd away*
" *My* Prayer *from your ſight, upon the day*
" *Of your* glad tydings: *Or, if he that ſeiz'd*
" *Thoſe humbled* Papers, *will be nobly pleas'd*
" *So to produce them, that, I may obtain*
" *Due remedy, for what they do complain*;
" *It ſhall beget a* ſervant, *who will ſtrive*
" *To merit thoſe* Occaſions *it may give*
" *Of that* obligement: *And, for his reward*,
" *Shall gain him* Prayers, *too, which will be heard*
" *For* him, *and* his, *perchance, when feel they may*,
" *What 'tis to be neglected, when we pray.*
But, whatſoe're effect vouchſafed be;
God bleſs the *King*, the *Parliament*, and *Me*.

The quadruple QUERE, *and the* Occaſion *of it.*

Your *Houſe* receiving notice, *twelve moneths* ſince,
Of my *long-ſuffrings*, and known *Indigence*,
(Occaſion'd by your *ſervice*,) thought it fit,
To ſome ſelected *Members*, to commit
The finding an *Employment*, to ſupply
Subſiſtence, till, my great neceſſity
Might be removed, by diſcharging that,
Which is yet owing, to me, by the *State*:
And, having long, without ſucceſs attended,
I now, at laſt, by them, am recommended

To

To serve as one of those *Gentlemen*,
By whom, *supreme Authority* confers
Wine Licences. Wherein, since, there appears,
With me, nor few, nor mean *Competitors*;
And that the *Place*, hath been aspersed by
Some, lately, as a *Grand Monopoly*,
I humbly make these *Queries*:

" *First*, Whether he, that hath *suspected* him,
" To hate that Cause, which you ingages us in,
" *Standing* Competitor *with him* that's known
" To hazard for it, more *than all his own*,
" Can be prefer'd, without a manifest wrong to you,
" And an incroachment, to what is his due?
" *Next*, Whether, a Competitor *defam'd*
" For breach of Trust, (by whom, never *more d*,)
" Ought rather, by your Votes, to be befriended,
" Then he, that to your House is recommended
" By your own Members? and, 'gainst whom, no man
" Exhibite, justly, an Impeachment can.
" *Then*, Whether, he your Grace deserveth best,
" Who hath for you, *lost all his interest*,
" In outward things? Or he, whose wealth is more,
" Since these Distractions, than it was before?
" *And lastly*, Whether ought may be compris'd
" Among things, judg'd, to be Monopoliz'd,
" When all the profits, which from thence arise,
" Are brought into the publike Tresuries?
" *And*, whereof, neither one *alone*, nor few,
" But ev'ry man receives his proper due.

Consider, I beseech you, but of these
Few *Queries*, and then do as you shall please.
For, though our *hopes* in this poor *Suit* may fail,
Yet, in my *publist ayms*, I shall prevail.
Yea, ere this *Land* hath *rest*, a *day* will be,
In which, there shall be some regard of me,
And, wherein, *that*, which is borne down with Jeers,
Shall fill their *scornful Eyes* full of Fears.

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